

The Gant County Fiscal Court met in Regular Session on Monday, February 21, 2005, at 7:00 P.M. at the Grant County Courthouse in Williamstown, Kentucky 41097, with Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, Present; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2nd District, Present; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3rd District, Present, and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, Present and Presiding.

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Magistrate Conrad opened in prayer. Judge Link then led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were: Bernard Mardis-Cable TV; James Perkins and Sheriff Randy Middleton.

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Motion of Patricia Conrad and seconded by Richard Austin it is hereby ordered to approve the minutes of the February 07, 2005 meeting as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2nd District, Votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link recognized the guests present and asked if anyone wanted to address the Court. No one did.

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Judge Link presented for review and approval the Claims in the General Expense Fund, Road Fund, Jail Fund and L.G.E.A. Fund for the month of February, 2005, along with the transfers needed to pay said claims. He asked if there were any questions about them. There was some discussion on the Jail Fund Claims especially the Medical Claim to Correct Care and the Claim to R.P.C. Mechanical, Inc. for HVAC Maintenance & Repairs. Judge Link stated that they must have had to replace a unit since the cost was so great. Ed Lorenz, County Attorney, updated on some prisoners that had been held at the Jail which may have caused the Medical Claims to be higher than usual.

Motion of Kenny Messer and seconded by Richard Austin it is hereby ordered to approve Claims No. 01-0910 thru 01-0963 in the amount of \$31,476.04 paid out of the General Expense Fund; Claims No. 02-0341 thru 01-0355 in the amount of \$7,492.47 paid out of the Road Fund, Claims No. 03-1479 thru 03-1511 in the amount of \$66,054.86 paid out of the Jail Fund, and Claim No. 04-00011 in the amount of \$500.00 paid out of the L.G.E.A. Fund, for the month of February, 2005, along with the transfers needed to pay said claims, as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell L. Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for review and action the Recommendation of the Grant County Planning Commission for a Zone Change from Agricultural One (A-1) to Rural Residential (RR) on 3.3 Acres of land located on the southwest side of Lanter Lane, at the intersection of Heathen Ridge Road and Lanter Lane, Grant County, Kentucky, owned by applicant Shirley Brinegar. It is as follows: He also presented for a first reading Ordinance No. 01-2005-558 relating to an Amendment to the Grant County Zoning Map for said applicant, along with the Notice to run in the local paper showing second reading to be on March 07, 2005, at 7:00 P.M. or as soon thereafter as possible, if approved. They are as follows:

Motion of Kenny Messer and seconded by Patricia Conrad it is hereby ordered to accept the Recommendation of the Grant County Planning Commission for a Zone Change for applicant Shirley Brinegar as presented, and to further approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 01-2005-558 relating to an Amendment to the Grant County Zoning Map

along with the Notice to run in the local paper as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented the County Clerk's 2004 Fee Settlement for review. Judy Fortner was present to answer questions. It is as follows:

Motion of Patricia Conrad and seconded by Kenny Messer it is hereby ordered to accept the County Clerk's 2004 Fee Settlement and check for \$58,630.32 as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented the Building Inspector's Report for January 2005. No action is required. It is as follows:

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Judge Link presented for review and approval the Re-appointments of Bill Wilson and Jack Gatlin to serve as members of the Grant County Joint Industrial Development Authority for another 4 Year term each beginning March 01, 2005, and to expire on February 28, 2009. It is as follows:

Motion of Kenny Messer and seconded by Richard Austin it is hereby ordered to approve the Re-appointments of Bill Wilson and Jack Gatlin to serve as members of the Grant County Joint Industrial Development Authority as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for review and action the Letter from the Governor's Office for

Local Development regarding Salaries for Elected Officials for Calendar Year 2005. He updated on the CPI Increase of 3.2603% and asked for a Motion to allow the CPI Increase for the following elected officials: County Judge/Executive, County Clerk, Sheriff, Magistrates, County Attorney, Coroner and Jailer, retroactive to January 01, 2005.

Motion of Kenny Messer and seconded by Richard Austin it is hereby ordered to approve the CPI Increase of 3.2603% for the following elected officials for Calendar Year 2005, retroactive to January 01, 2005: County Judge/Executive, County Clerk, Sheriff, Magistrates, County Attorney, Coroner and Jailer.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented the County Treasurer's Monthly Cash Position Report for January, 2005. No action is required. It is as follows:

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Judge Link gave an update on the meeting before the General Assembly that he attended in Frankfort last week. He reported on the A & R meeting which pertained to Jails. They say that it is the state's responsibility, but there is no budget yet. He also updated on the per diem for housing inmates and updated on several of the House Bills being reviewed. He stated that he intends to go over there again to discuss these issues but he understands that no action has been taken on them yet. He reported that the House has passed a budget and the idea of the Governor's Tax Moderation Program. He explained that our Water Project and Sanitation Project are in the budget. There is \$750,000.00 for Bullock Pen Water District Project, \$900,000.00 for the Sanitation Project, \$600,000.00 for the

Grant County Waterline Project, and it includes the funding for the Cemetery Project on Eibeck Lane. However, he stated that there is no funding for Courthouse Facilities over the State. He stated that we are still #10 on the list if we are ever funded. He also updated on HB 132 which is Phase 1 for the Tobacco Funding and stated that we need to meet the obligations for this. It is sitting over in the Senate now, and he is receiving a lot of calls. He thinks that there is a changing of the minds that are taking place on this issue. He stated that Kenton County and Campbell County are in dire restraints now because of an Occupational Tax, and Campbell County may have to file a bankruptcy suit if they don't get some relief from the State. He asked the public to call him if they have any concerns on any of the bills before the General Assembly, and stated he would be happy to check on them. Sheriff Middleton also mentioned that there was a bill concerning the pay for Court Bailiffs, perhaps raising the hourly rate from \$8.00 to \$15.00 per hour, but stated that he doesn't feel it will pass. If it does it may be sent back to the Fiscal Courts and counties to fund. Discussion was held.

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Judge Link reminded Fiscal Court that the next Caucus meeting will be on Monday, February 28, 2005, at 5:30 P.M., and that the next meeting of the Fiscal Court will be on Monday, March 07, 2005, at 7:00 P.M.

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Motion of Richard Austin and seconded by Patricia Conrad it is hereby ordered to Adjourn until Monday, March 07, 2005, at 7:00 P.M.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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